

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK

ANNUAL COUNCIL

Minutes from the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 12th May, 2016 at 6.40 pm in the Assembly Room, Town Hall, Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn

PRESENT: Councillor C Manning (Chairman)

Councillors B Anota, B Ayres, Miss L Bambridge, A Beales, R Blunt, Mrs C Bower, A Bubb, Mrs S Buck, Mrs J Collingham, J Collop, Mrs S Collop, P Colvin, C Crofts, N Daubney, I Devereux, Mrs S Fraser, P Gidney, R Groom, G Hipperson, P Hodson, M Chenery of Horsbrugh, M Howland, H Humphrey, C Joyce, P Kunes, A Lawrence, B Long, G McGuinness, Mrs K Mellish, G Middleton, A Morrison, Mrs E Nockolds, M Peake, D Pope, P Rochford, C Sampson, Miss S Sandell, T Smith, Mrs V Spikings, Mrs S Squire, M Storey, A Tyler, D Tyler, G Wareham, Mrs E Watson, D Whitby, A White, T Wing-Pentelow and Mrs A Wright

Honorary Aldermen E G Benefer, J B Howling, J Loveless, T Manley, A Lovett, Dr P R Richards and L V Wilkinson.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Beal, R Bird, M Hopkins, Lord Howard, J Moriarty, M Shorting, Mrs J Westrop, Mrs M Wilkinson and Mrs S Young

and Honorary Aldermen Sir Jeremy Bagge and P Brandon

C:1 URGENT BUSINESS

CAB144: POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACE REVIEW

RESOLVED: That the Polling District and Place Review Schedule be adopted for the EU Referendum, and reverts back to the existing Schedule for future elections.

C:2 ELECTION OF A COUNCILLOR TO HOLD OFFICE AS MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK AND TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2016/2017

The Mayor invited nominations for Mayor for 2016/17.

Councillor N J Daubney proposed that Councillor David Whitby be elected to the office of Mayor and Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year this was seconded by Councillor Long.

RESOLVED: That Councillor D Whitby be elected to the office of Mayor and Chairman of the Council for 2016/17.

C:3 **ELECTION OF A COUNCILLOR TO HOLD OFFICE AS DEPUTY MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK AND TO BE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2016/2017**

It was proposed by Councillor A Beales and seconded by Councillor B Long that Councillor Carol Bower be appointed to the office of Deputy Mayor and Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs C Bower be elected to the office of Deputy Mayor and Vice-Chairman of the Council for 2016/17.

C:4 **ADMINISTER THE OATH TO THE MAYOR**

Councillor Whitby took the Chair, read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and then, in addressing Members, thanked them for his election and informed the Council that his wife Mrs Linda Whitby, would be his Mayoress. The Mayor's Chaplain for the year would be the Father Adrian Ling.

The Mayor also informed the Council that he would continue to appoint Mayor's Cadets and those for this year would be: AC Hannah Norwood (Sea), L/Cpl Christie (Army), Cadet Edward Dew (Air).

The Mayor's Charity for the year would be The Lavender Hill Mob Theatre Company.

C:5 **ADMINISTER THE OATH TO THE DEPUTY MAYOR**

Councillor Bower read and signed the declaration of acceptance of office, and informed the Council that her husband Simon Bower, would be her consort.

C:6 **VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR AND MAYORESS**

Councillor Daubney, seconded by Councillor Beales proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor and Mayoress Councillor and Mrs Manning.

RESOLVED: That the Council place on record its sincere appreciation for the work undertaken by Councillor Colin and Mrs Julie Manning, during their period in office as Mayor and Mayoress of the Borough.

The Mayor then presented gifts to Councillor and Mrs Manning.

C:7 **APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF CABINET AND APPOINTMENTS OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF CABINET**

RESOLVED: That Councillor B Long be appointed Chairman of the Cabinet and Leader of the Council for the forthcoming three years.

RESOLVED: That the Membership of the Cabinet be noted as follows:

A Beales – Deputy and Regeneration
 R Blunt - Development
 N J Daubney - Performance
 A Lawrence - Community
 K Mellish – Human Resources and Shared Services
 Mrs E Nockolds - Culture

and the Deputy Cabinet Members be noted as follows:

P Colvin – Development
 I Devereux – Performance
 P Hodson – Regeneration
 G Middleton – Community
 S Squire - Environment
 J Westrop – Human Resources and Shared Services
 A Wright – Culture

C:8 COUNCILLOR N J DAUBNEY

Councillor B Long, proposed a vote of thanks to Councillor N J Daubney who had retired this year as Leader of the Council following 9 years' in the position.

The proposition was seconded by Councillor Beales. Councillor Daubney thanked Council for the honour.

RESOLVED: That the Council place on record its vote of thanks to Councillor N J Daubney for his 9 years' service as Leader of the Council.

C:9 ALLOCATION OF SEATS

RESOLVED: 1) That the proportional allocation of seats with regard to Council Bodies in the Constitution be agreed in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (as amended by subsequent legislation), and in accordance with Section 16 of that Act.

2) That Members be appointed to the proportional Council Bodies as follows :

APPOINTMENTS BOARD
 (9 Members – 7 Con, 2 Lab)

B Anota (C)
 A Beales (C)
 J Collop (L)
 I Devereux (C)
 B Long (C)
 Mrs K Mellish (C)
 G Middleton (C)
 A Morrison(C)

M Wilkinson (L)

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

(7 Members: 6 Con, 1 Lab)
(2 Parish, 1 Ind person)

B Ayres (C)
I Devereux (C)
P Gidney (C)
C Manning (C)
M Shorting (C)
A Tyler (L)
S Young (C)
(Independent Person),(Parish Rep),(Parish Rep), (Non voting)

LICENSING COMMITTEE

(15 Members -13 Con, 2 Lab)

L Bambridge (C)
S Buck (L)
C Crofts (C)
S Fraser (C)
M Hopkins (C)
G McGuinness (L)
C Manning (C)
P Rochford (C)
C Sampson (C)
S Sandell (C)
S Squire (C)
D Tyler (C)
D Whitby (C)
A White (C)
S Young (C)

LICENSING AND APPEALS BOARD

(15 Members - 12 Con, 2 Lab, 1 Ind,)

A Bubb (C)
S Buck (L)
C Crofts (C)
S Fraser (C)
M Hopkins (C)
G McGuinness (L)
P Rochford (C)
C Sampson (C)
S Sandell (C)
S Squire (C)
D Tyler (C)
D Whitby (C)
A White (C)
S Young (C)
Vacancy (I)

PLANNING COMMITTEE

(18 members – 15 Con, 2 Lab 1 Ind)

C Bower (C)
A Bubb (C)
S Buck (L)
P Colvin (C)
C J Crofts (C)
I Gourlay (L)
J Moriarty (I)
A Morrison (C)
M Peake (C)
Mrs V Spikings (C)
M S Storey (C)
D Tyler (C)
G Wareham (C)
E Watson (C)
A White (C)
T Wing-Pentelow (C)
A Wright (C)
S Young (C)

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE PANEL

(12 Members – 9 Con, 2 Lab, 1 Ind)

B Anota (C)
B Ayres (C)
P Beal (C)
R Bird (I)
J Collop (L)
I Gourlay (L)
G Hipperson (C)
Lord Howard (C)
H Humphrey (C)
A Morrison (C)
D Tyler (C)
G Wareham (C)

REGENERATION & DEVELOPMENT PANEL

(12 Members – 10 Con, 2 Lab,)

L Bambridge (C)
S Buck (L)
M Chenery of Horsbrugh (C)
J Collingham (C)
C J Crofts (C)
P Gidney (C)
I Gourlay (L)
M Howland (C)
P Kunes (C)
P Rochford (C)
M Shorting (C)
E Watson (C)

ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY PANEL

(12 Members – 9 Con, 2 Lab, 1 Ind)

L Bambridge (C)
C Bower (C)
A Bubb (C)
S Collop (L)
S Fraser (C)
G Hipperson (C)
M Hopkins (C)
J Moriarty (I)
P Rochford (C)
C Sampson (C)
T Smith (C)
A Tyler (L)

AUDIT COMMITTEE

(9 Members – 8 Con, 1 Lab,

J Collop (L)
J Collingham (C)
P Gidney (C)
M Hopkins(C)
P Kunes (C)
C Manning (C)
D Pope (C)
T Smith (C)
T Wing-Pentelow (C)

C:10

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN

That the following be appointed as Chairmen and Vice Chairmen with the remainder to be appointed at the first meeting of the Body:

APPOINTMENTS BOARD

Chairman - B Long (C)
Vice-Chairman – Mrs K Mellish (C)

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chairman - Mrs V Spikings (C)
Vice-Chairman - M Peake (C)

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Chairman – C Crofts (C)
Vice-Chairman – D Tyler (C)

LICENSING AND APPEALS BOARD

Chairman – D Tyler (C)
Vice-Chairman – C Crofts (C)

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Chairman – B Ayres (C)
Vice Chairman – M Shorting (C)

C:11 POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY OF TASK GROUPS

RESOLVED: That the political proportionality of Task Groups be approved as follows:

Task Groups with 9 Members – 7 Conservatives: 1 Labour: 1 Independent
Task Groups with 5 Members – 4 Conservative: 1 Labour

C:12 OUTSIDE BODY MEMBERSHIP

RESOLVED: That Members previously appointed to an Outside Body continue to serve until the 24 May Cabinet and 30 June Council meetings as appropriate where they are considered for 2016/17

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm